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SUBJECT:ASSISTANT SECRETARY KUBISCH'S COMMENTS ON CUBA

1. AT CONFIRMATION HEARING TODAY BEFORE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS AMBASSADOR TO GREECE, ASSISTANT SECRETARY JACK B. KUBISCH WAS ASKED BY SENATOR FULBRIGHT TO GIVE HIS VIEWS ON WHAT MIGHT OCCUR IN THE COMING MONTHS ON THE CUBA QUESTION. KUBISCH RESPONDED ALONG THE LINES OF THE SECRETARY'S COMMENTS ON JULY 24 BEFORE THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON FOREIGN OPERATIONS AND THE SECRETARY'S EARLIER PUBLIC STATEMENTS. HE MADE CLEAR THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN U.S. POLICY AND INDICATED THAT WHETHER CUBA'S SITUATION -- IN THE INTER-AMERICAN CONTEXT -- CHANGED IN THE PERIOD AHEAD DEPENDED NOT JUST ON THE U.S., BUT ALSO ON CUBA AND ITS POLICIES AND THE ATTITUDES AND VIEWS OF OTHER GOVERNMENTS.

2. KUBISCH ALSO SAID THAT IN REGARD TO WHETHER OR NOT CUBA WOULD BE INVITED TO THE NEXT MFM IN BUENOS AIRES, HE EXPECTED THAT CONSULTATIONS WOULD TAKE PLACE LATE THIS YEAR

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OR EARLY NEXT, AND THAT SOME POSSIBLE CHANGE IN CUBA'S

SITUATION COULD NOT BE EXCLUDED. (FYI: KUBISCH'S REMARKS ON "CHANGE" WERE IN REFERENCE TO THE MULTILATERAL CONTEXT IN THAT OTHER GOVERNMENTS MIGHT SHIFT THEIR PRESENT POSITIONS ON CUBA. KUBISCH DID NOT REPEAT NOT PREDICT OR SPECULATE ABOUT ANY CHANGE IN THE U.S. POSITION WITH REGARD TO CUBA.) KISSINGER

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